



# Yucca Weekly Update



**Councilmember Joyce Clark - City of Glendale, Arizona**

**Yucca District - where Glendale's past, present and future meet.**

**July 30, 2010**

**Update on Potential Transit Strike.** The potential strike over contract negotiations with one of the city of Phoenix transit service operators, Veolia, on its union collective bargaining agreements has been averted for now. Parties are continuing to negotiate with a new deadline of August 15. The city of Glendale will continue to monitor this situation and will inform the public regarding any potential affects to bus service.



This week, Councilmember Joyce Clark attended two Habitat for Humanity home dedications in the Yucca District.

Two families became proud homeowners through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program.



**Downtown Glendale Overlay Project Update.** Glendale Avenue drivers are enjoying quieter commutes and smoother roads thanks to new rubberized asphalt installed from 59<sup>th</sup> to 66<sup>th</sup> avenues. This portion of roadway improvements was completed this week and the project continues east along Glendale Avenue next week.

This improvement project will resurface Glendale Avenue with new rubberized asphalt, which uses recycled tires and is expected to extend the life of the roadway, reducing maintenance costs and decreasing traffic noise. The project is funded through federal stimulus funds as part of the American Reinvestment & Recovery Act (ARRA) and is a partnership with the Arizona Department of Transportation.

Work began this week on Glendale Avenue from 51<sup>st</sup> to 59<sup>th</sup> avenues. This section of overlay improvements in Downtown Glendale should take two months to complete. Minor traffic restrictions will be in place as utility work begins in the area.

As the overlay project moves into Downtown Glendale, work will be completed in small sections at a time and will begin in the westbound lanes and move to eastbound lanes. Traffic restrictions and detours will be in place and bus routes will be rerouted using detours. Businesses are open and accessible throughout construction and pedestrian access will be maintained.

During construction, the public is encouraged to follow all traffic signage and public safety officers directing traffic. For a complete construction schedule and project details, call 1-877-203-0042 or visit [www.glendaleaz.com/improvements](http://www.glendaleaz.com/improvements).



**Job Searching Open Lab.** Need help applying for a job or creating a resume? The Main Library, located at 5959 W. Brown Street, is offering a Job Searching Open Lab through September 30. During these labs, Steve Schrader, former Human Resources Director for Basha's and current Estrella Community College instructor, will be available to help participants with job searching, online employment applications, writing resumes and more. Labs are first come, first served, so mark your calendars for the following dates and times:

Tuesday, August 3, 10 am – 12 pm  
Tuesday, August 10, 10 am – 12 pm  
Tuesday, August 17, 10 am – 12 pm  
Tuesday, August 24, 10 am – 12 pm

Thursday, September 9, 1 pm – 3 pm  
Tuesday, September 14, 10 am – 12 pm  
Tuesday, September 21, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm  
Thursday, September 30, 10 am – 12 pm

**How to Become Water Wise – Water Conservation Tips.** We live in a beautiful, thriving community... the Valley of the Sun. But because we do live in a desert, water is our most important and precious resource. Water is the lifeblood of the Valley. So we must all do our part to use water wisely and ensure an adequate water supply for ourselves and future generations. Water conservation not only will help save water, it will also save you money. The following tips can help you do your part to live a more water-wise lifestyle.

#### In the Bathroom

- Check faucets, pipes, and toilets for leaks.
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth or shaving, rather than running a steady stream.
- Limit showers to five minutes.
- Avoid using your toilet for a wastebasket or ashtray. Extra flushes waste water and money.

#### In the Kitchen & Laundry Room

- Automatic dishwashers and washing machines are more efficient if run only when they are full.
- When washing dishes by hand, don't let the tap run freely to rinse. Fill the second side of the sink with rinse water.
- Fill a pitcher with drinking water and store it in the refrigerator.

#### Outside

- When washing the car, use soap and water from a bucket. Use a hose with a shut-off nozzle for the final rinse.
- Adjust sprinklers so only the lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk, or street and maintain sprinklers regularly.
- Water your lawn every third day and do not water on windy days.
- Always water during the cool time of the day to minimize evaporation.
- Adjust your irrigation schedule to accommodate changes in seasonal water demand.
- Install an automatic timer.
- For landscaping, use native or other low water use plants.

To learn more about water conservation [click here](#). In our desert environment, times of drought are far more common than times of plenty. Don't let Arizona's precious resource drip away carelessly. Adopt a water-wise lifestyle.

## Around Town

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[Click here](#) for the City Council meeting schedule.

**Upcoming Election Information.** The next City of Glendale election will be a primary held on August 24, 2010. [Read more.](#)

**Reel Talk Film Series.** Iron Man (2008), starring Robert Downey, Jr.; Gwyneth Paltrow, Terrence Howard will play at 1 p.m., Saturday, July 31 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Join film expert Jeannie Berg in the Auditorium. For more information, call (623) 930-3573.

**The Business Forum Offers Tips on Learning to Read Your Customers Face and Body Language.** Business networking is sure to be fun and productive when The Business Forum meets on Wednesday, August 4 in the large meeting room of Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. The free event is from 5:30-7:15 p.m. This month executive search recruiter Julie Carr Theroux will present "Your Customer's Face and Body Language Speaks Louder than Their Words." Well-known businesswoman Joan Howard is facilitating The Business Forum. Contact her at (602) 725-3246 for more information about the program or to RSVP.

**Stop In for Small Business Counseling.** No appointments are necessary for "Walk-In Counseling with SCORE" from 12:15-3:45 p.m. on Saturday, August 7 in the small meeting room of Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. The Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) can advise on all areas of business, from start-up information to marketing and accounting concerns. The counseling is free. For more information about SCORE, call (602) 745-7250.

**Authors @ the Teague.** Local author and nationally syndicated columnist Kathy Cano-Murillo, a.k.a. "The Crafty Chica," will discuss and sign her first novel, "Waking Up in the Land of Glitter," during the next Authors @ the Teague. The event takes place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 7 at Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. The program is free. Books will be available for purchase and signing. For more information, please call (623) 930-3439.

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